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## FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO PROBE BIG BEEF TRUST

Subpoenas Issued For 185 Witnesses to Be Summoned.

## INVESTIGATION TO BEGIN ON MARCH 20

Complete Evidence of Operations of Packers in Different Cities Will be Produced.

## NONE OF HEADS OF FIRMS TO BE CALLED

Managers of Departments and Agents Among Those Summoned—Armour and Others Refuse to Discuss Situation—Statement Made by Attorney.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—United States officials commenced one of the most exhaustive inquiries ever started under the Sherman anti-trust act to-day by issuing subpoenas for 185 witnesses, calling for a Federal grand jury to sit March 20 and making full arrangements for producing complete evidence regarding the operations of the packers in Chicago and other packing centers.

One hundred and thirty witnesses are to be from the Chicago packing houses and offices and fifty-five are heads of department and agents in fifteen other large cities of the country. Nearly all the subpoenas directed to residents of Chicago were served before 6 o'clock to-night. The eight subpoenas directed to the service entered all the principal offices of the big packing companies. The jury will be drawn Thursday or Friday.

### Among Those Summoned.

Seven subpoenas were served in the downtown offices of Armour and Company late to-day. Assistant Treasurer Samuel McLaughlin was one of the subpoenaed. General Superintendent T. J. Denner was said to have received a notice also, but he denied it later. The other men called were department heads and the general officers. At the offices of Swift and Company at the stock yards, the first two subpoenas to receive subpoenas were H. W. Frederick, head of the railroad department, and W. B. Jones, manager of the Armour car lines. The head cattle buyer and staff at the yards for Swift and Company were subpoenaed. The buyers at the stock yards, those of the National Packing Company and Schwarzschild and Sulzberger, were served as well as scale house men and car checkers and officials of the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company.

### Decline to Make Statement.

J. Ogden Armour, as well as the heads of the other packing companies or representatives, declined to make any statement regarding the determined step which the government has taken to scrutinize the business of the packing companies. Inquiries were referred to Attorney John S. Miller, who represented the combined packers named in the grand jury indictment, which was sustained by the United States Supreme Court a month ago.

### MAJORITY REPORT CLEARS LEGISLATORS

Denies Alleged Standard Oil Conspiracy in West Virginia.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 21.—The report of the Joint Legislative Investigation Committee, which probed into charges of corruption made against the Standard Oil Company, was adopted by the House of Delegates to-day. Two reports were made, one by the majority members and the other by the minority members. The majority report, which was adopted, cleared the legislators of all charges of corruption and stated that the majority of the committee rejected the testimony tending to prove a political conspiracy.

### Private Car Lines.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The argument of A. R. Union, of Chicago, general counsel of the Standard Oil Company, before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce this afternoon was of such interest that the Republican members of the committee interposed the call for a recess and thus the Democrats were enabled to score a point in the House on a division. The hearing was properly before the subcommittee of which Representative Stevens is chairman a number of other members of the committee dropped in from time to time, so that it resembled a session of the full committee.

## POINTER ON THE WEATHER

FOR RICHMOND—For



day; light variable winds. Conditions Yesterday: Clear. Temperature: Max. 45, min. 15; moon, 40; normal, 25. Precipitation, 4.00 inches. Range of the Thermometer: 9 A. M., 35; 12 M., 45; 3 P. M., 48; 6 P. M., 44; 9 P. M., 41; 12 mid-night, 41; average, 41.5. Sun, rises 6:52; sets, 5:55; moon rises, 9:34. High Tide: Morning, 6:30; evening, 7:01.

## BROAD STREET TO HAVE NEW BANK

Perpetual Company Sells Out to Mr. O. J. Sands and Associates.

## HANDSOMELY PAID FOR STOCK

Bank Building Will be Located Near Sixth Street on Broad.

Mr. J. O. Sands and his associates have consummated their plan to establish bank on Broad Street.

The Perpetual Building, Loan and Trust Company has accepted the offer of Mr. Sands for the stock of the company and the entire assets of the Perpetual will be turned over to the Sands syndicate.

On last Thursday the Perpetual offered to sell their entire holdings of stock to Mr. Sands at \$70 per share. This offer Mr. Sands declined, but offered \$60 per share for the stock. A meeting was held of the stockholders of the Perpetual and it was found that there were two holders of stock whom it would be necessary to see before the deal could be closed. These stockholders have been seen and they have agreed to accept the price offered.

Yesterday afternoon the deal was consummated, Mr. Sands paying \$60 per share for the Perpetual stock, or a total of \$20,000.

### To Use This Charter.

The old Perpetual Company charter will probably be used for the new company, the name being changed. It has not yet been definitely decided that the company will be called the American Trust Company. It is known, however, that the capital stock of the new company will be \$300,000; that Mr. O. J. Sands will be president, and that Mr. Charles Hutzler will be one of the directors.

The location of the bank on Broad Street has not been disclosed, but it is known that it will be located somewhere near Sixth Street.

### GIVES \$1,000 TO HELP REDUCE COTTON CROP

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 21.—During the convention of cotton planters here to-day a telegram was received by Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association from S. T. Morgan, president of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company of Richmond, Va., contributing \$1,000 to the movement to hold cotton, reduce acreage and fertilizers. The telegram was read to the convention amidst great applause and a vote of thanks was tendered the donor. The convention adjourned late this afternoon.

### Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee last night transacted a good deal of routine business behind closed doors.

The committee will get to work on the annual budget within a few days.

## DISORDER AT POLLS REACHES RIOT STAGE

Election Board Clapped Into Jail After Fight Between Officers—One Man Dies.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 21.—Seldom has Pittsburgh passed through a more strenuous election than that of to-day, when the Citizens (the party in power) and the Republicans fought for supremacy by working every known political scheme in the election of a mayor.

Disorder at the polls reached the riot stage in some of the precincts. One death from excitement is reported. Several election boards were brought into court and one board was placed in jail, charged with contempt after a fight between deputy sheriffs and the police. Charges of colonization and ballot-box stuffing were made.

### Diamond Shoals Lighthouse.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to-day authorized a favorable report on a bill amending the act which grants Captain Pels authority to construct a lighthouse on Diamond Shoals, Cape Hatteras. The amount the government is to pay for the light after it has stood for five years is increased from \$50,000 to \$70,000.



ROOSEVELT'S CHERRY TREE.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR RICHMOND

Strong Organization Formed With View to Pushing Carnegie Offer Through Council.

## MR. J. R. GORDON PRESIDENT

Prominent Men Placed on Committees and Work Will be Started at Once.

A mass meeting, full of spirit and enthusiasm, was held at the Mechanics Institute last night, and the "Public Library Association of Richmond" was organized, with the purpose and determination to press the movement to accept the offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of a free public library for this city.

Strong speeches were made in favor of accepting the offer by Dr. W. E. Evans, of Monumental Church, and Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College, and others, and a permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers: Mr. James R. Gordon, president; Hon. Charles V. Meredith, vice-president; and Mr. C. B. Cooke, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Arthur B. Clarke, and Mr. C. A. Boyce was made temporary secretary. Dr. Evans was the first speaker, and briefly but eloquently pointed out the advantages of a library such as is offered by Mr. Carnegie. He declared the first important work was to create a strong public sentiment in favor of the movement, and he concluded this to be one of the objects of the proposed organization. He urged the employment of practical methods and the arousing of public interest in the subject, and when he resumed his seat he was loudly cheered. Dr. Evans declared that the young men must have some agreeable place to spend their evenings, and he thought they could be easily interested in a public library. It would tend to keep them from bad places and tend to raise

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## MERGER REPORT SENDS PRICE UP

Advance Regarded as Further Proof That Plans Are About Complete.

## POSITION OF TENNESSEE CO.

Rumored That Control Has Been Secured by Big Syndicate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The further sharp advances in the common stock of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company to-day was accepted by Wall Street as proof that the plans for consolidating the Southern iron companies are completed. Last night the stock closed at 78 3/4 and opened to-day at 87, and up to 2:30 this afternoon had sold as high as 89, a maximum gain of over 20 points since last night.

These figures would seem to indicate also that the price asked for the controlling interest in the company is at least around the present figures. While it is not possible to get an official statement on this point, it would not be surprising if the figures were well above par.

It is understood also that there are two propositions under consideration with respect to the Republic Iron and Steel Company. One is to take over the Alabama properties, which there is reason for believing is practically closed; the other is to take over the Western properties as well, which it is understood has not yet been reached. An altogether different scheme has been reached, however, that several of the dominant interests in the Republic Company are in favor of the consolidation scheme.

The Tennessee Coal and Iron directors held their regular monthly meeting to-day. In addition to the transaction of routine business, the directors discussed the much heralded scheme for the merger or combination of the several Southern steel and iron companies, and finally authorized the following statement:

"Whereas, the daily newspapers continue to report that this company has a representative negotiating for its amalgamation with other Southern iron companies, we deem it wise at this time to place on record that no such negotiations have been authorized by the board of directors, and that no such officers are aware of such negotiations."

## RETURN BATTLEFLAGS TO SOUTHERN STATES

G. A. R. Man Calls Up Bill Which Is Adopted Unanimously With Much Applause.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—By unanimous vote amid applause from representatives from all sections of the Union, the resolution introduced by Representative Lamb to return captured Confederate battleflags was adopted by the House to-day. The resolution was called up by Representative Capron, of Rhode Island, a member of the G. A. R., and a vote was taken at once. The House broke into applause when it was seen that there was not an opposing vote. Senator Daniel will press the resolution in the Senate, and there is little or no doubt of its adoption at this session. The fact that it provides for the return of battleflags captured by Confederates, and captured by Union troops, makes it stronger.

## JOCKEY SHOTS WIFE; WOMAN BADLY HURT

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Cornburn, wife of "Monk" Cornburn, a jockey of international fame, was shot in the leg and chest to-day by her husband. The jockey, it is alleged, was jealous of his wife, and after dinner they quarreled, where Cornburn fired five shots at her, seriously wounding her. Cornburn was arrested.

## 54 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 54 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

6 Trades, 81 Domesticates,  
6 Agents, 6 Miscellaneous,  
2 Salesmen, 5 Office.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## DEATH-ROLL OF MINERS NOW 160

Thirty-nine Bodies Been Recovered; No Hope for the Others.

## BELIEVED ENTIRE PARTY PERISHED

Harrowing Scenes When Corpses Were Brought to View of Weeping Women and Children—Not Enough Coffins in Town to Bury Dead.

## GREAT MINE HORRORS.

These are the casualty totals of the great mine disasters that have occurred in the United States in the last twenty-two years:

Date.	Location.	Killed.
1883—Diamond Mine, Illinois.....		77
1891—Mt. Pleasant, Pa.....		110
1892—Osage County, I. T.....		200
1893—Dartmouth Mine, Pennsylvania.....		50
1896—Vulcan Mine, Colorado.....		50
1900—Red Ash Mine, West Virginia.....		100
1900—Pleasant Valley, Utah.....		300
1901—Newcastle Mine, Colorado.....		75
1902—Teaterville, Tennessee.....		200
1904—Harwick Mine, Pennsylvania.....		164

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 21.—Of the 160 miners of Virginia City, who entered the mines yesterday afternoon, when one-fourth of that town's population was decimated, so far only 39 bodies have been recovered. As time grows, notwithstanding the heroic efforts on the part of the rescuers to reach the entombed miners, the recovery of fifty dead bodies precludes any idea that life may still remain among the unfortunate.

### Harrowing Scenes.

With the first ominous rumble of the coming catastrophe by common impulse every one in the village rushed to the mouth of the main slope, fear struggling against hope for the safety of loved ones. The scenes at the mines this afternoon were the most gruesome and harrowing that have ever been witnessed in the mining section of Alabama. The corpses were frightfully mangled and disfigured, and identification was almost impossible. Many of the bodies are so bruised, twisted and discolored that negroes cannot tell from whom they came. All day long the mouth of the mine were waiting and moaning women and children, whose relations were among the unfortunate. One hundred families and three hundred children are left destitute and without means of support by the calamity.

### Not Enough Coffins.

As the bodies of the victims, which in many cases, have been gathered together in place at a time, are brought to the surface they are placed in rows on a rough improvised platform. Late this afternoon ambulances began the removal of those so far recovered to Bessemer.

Since the list of deaths is probably going to one hundred and sixty, the local undertakers have wired to adjoining cities for coffins, as it was found there were not enough suitable coffins in the district to bury the victims.

Out of the fifty bodies recovered one was found about 4 o'clock this afternoon, in place at a time. The body was carefully taken from the mine, and heroic methods resorted to to bring the man to consciousness. He is still alive, but soot hole is held out for his recovery.

President Flynn, of the United Mine Workers, is in the city.

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## MILES SAYS HE WILL REPRODUCE LETTER

Declines, However, to Reply to Statements of Mrs. Jefferson Davis.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 21.—General Nelson A. Miles, Inspector-general of the Massachusetts militia, said to-day that he did not intend to make any response to the letter which Mrs. Jefferson Davis recently made public, in which she charged General Miles with perpetrating cruelties as custodian of her husband at the close of the Civil War. General Miles said: "The letter is so offensive in its character that I do not call for any reply."

With reference to Mrs. Davis' demand that he produce a photographic copy of a letter which General Miles declared he had received from Mrs. Davis, thanking him for his care of her husband as a prisoner, General Miles said he would, if entirely probable that he would make public such reproduction.

### Platt Loses Suit.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The suit of John B. Platt, the octogenarian millionaire, to compel Hannah Elias, a negro, to return to him \$650,000, which he alleges he gave her during a period extending over twenty-five years, to-day was dismissed by Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court. In dismissing the suit, Justice O'Gorman said the case was absolutely without evidence to sustain Platt's allegation that the money was obtained from him by means of threats of bodily harm and exposure of his relations.

## RUSSIA READY TO MAKE PEACE SAYS REPORT

Conditions as Basis for Action Have Been Agreed Upon.

## SLAVS WILL RISK FINAL BIG BATTLE

Kuropatkin Now Preparing to Hurl Entire Force at Oyama's Line.

## STRIKE SITUATION IN CAUCASUS SERIOUS

Telegraph Operators Held to Keys at Point of Pistol—Reign of Terror in Tiflis—Czar Soon to Call Zemsky Sobor—The Question of War Indemnity.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from St. Petersburg confirming the Associated Press advice of February 17th and February 18th from St. Petersburg to the effect that peace was under consideration, adds that "the question of peace has not only been formally discussed, but the conditions on which Russia is prepared to make peace have practically been agreed upon. These are as follows:

"Korea to be placed under Japanese suzerainty.  
"Port Arthur and the Liao Tung Peninsula to be ceded to Japan.  
"Manchuria to be declared a neutral port with an open door.  
"The eastern Chinese Railroad to be placed under neutral international administration.  
"Manchuria, as far north as Harbin, to be restored as an integral part of the Chinese Empire."

The difficulty lies in settling the question of indemnity upon which it is known that Japan insists, but it is thought that this difficulty is an insurmountable one. The most trustworthy opinion at St. Petersburg is that in view of the internal situation and the enormous difficulty in carrying on the war peace on the terms outlined will be concluded within a comparatively short time. The indemnity question will be arranged, but it is quite possible that Russia will risk another battle before a decision is reached.

## BIG BATTLE IMMINENT.

Kuropatkin Will Try Final Conclusions With Oyama—Czar Working for Peace.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—10 A. M.—Even in the midst of his grief over the death of his son, Emperor Nicholas exists that Emperor Nicholas is giving his attention to political developments, but reports as to his intentions are conflicting. Indications point towards a decision to revive the zemsky sobor and some rumors even give the date when the question of the indemnity will be issued. These rumors, however, probably are premature; but there is little doubt in the best informed quarters that the Emperor's decision will be favorable.

Some persistent reports declare that Emperor Nicholas not only has decided to convene the zemsky sobor, but that he also is bent on making peace. He is represented to have taken this decision chiefly on the advice of Emperor William. The conditions of peace, which Russia can accept, are freely discussed here. The only obstacle to peace is said to be the question of indemnity which Russia will refuse to pay.

While peace reports are circulating in official and other quarters in St. Petersburg, the information reaches the Associated Press that General Kuropatkin is industriously preparing to try final conclusions with Field Marshal Oyama, and that a decisive battle may be expected within a fortnight.

## REIGN OF TERROR.

Situation Very Serious in Caucasus and in Poland Generally.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—10 A. M.—The railroad strike situation is reported to be grave and the question of indemnity and private advice are said to show the existence of a reign of terror in Tiflis and Caucasus generally. Many armed Tartars and Armenians are reported. Communication has almost been cut off, even the telegraph is striking. The few who are still at their keys being kept there with pistols at their heads. The railroad employees at Dorpat struck yesterday.

The situation in Poland along the Austrian border is also causing great uneasiness.

## COACHMAN DIES.

Man Who Drove Carriage of Grand Duke Had Seventy-six Distinct Wounds.

(By Associated Press.)

MOSCOW, Feb. 21.—The coachman who was driving the carriage on which Grand Duke Sergei was riding when he was assassinated, died to-day of his injuries. He sustained seventy-six distinct wounds. There was a continuous procession of Muscovites to-day, passing through the Kremlin gates to visit the Chudoff family, and the scene of the tragedy in Senate Square, pausing to cross themselves at the tall iron cross, which has been erected at the exact spot where the assassination took place, and before which a lamp is constantly burning, as before a shrine. Pieces of the carriage and other